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Follow Up Testimony

Corrections is less reliant on forced drugging, and does a much better job at providing rehabilitative services other than drugs such as cognitive behavioral therapy and other psychotherapies, than Mental Health. We need a judicial process that keeps most violent offenders in corrections, and we need to put more mental health resources into corrections, for their use. People in the corrections system should have thorough medical care for medical causes of psychiatric symptoms, and a broad range of excellent psychosocial interventions, including dialogic practice, psychotherapy, and peer support. These things can be carried out, even if the inmate is in a prison cell.

Why hospitals are advocating for quicker forced drugging, rather than more staff:

The hospitals make money when they give patients drugs. The insurance pays for the drugs. In fact, hospitals often over-bill for the drugs and get reimbursed at a higher rate than what it costs them to get the drug- they are essentially retailing the drugs at a financial gain.

On the other hand, hiring more staff costs the hospitals money and it's an expense they are not able to bill to insurance.